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### **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 103 million eggs during June, up 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 84 million table eggs and 19 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 5,123,000 birds, up 2 percent from 5,018,000 a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,011 eggs, compared with 1,973 in June 2005.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 991 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2006 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES**

During the month of June SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.0 million chicks, up 4 percent from last year's 18.2 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 788 million, down 1 percent from June 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on July 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.